

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Small Entity)

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

TRAILER HITCH COVER ASSEMBLY

and invented by:

Robert B. Blake

If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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### Application Elements

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 32 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
  - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
- a. ☒ Formal      Number of Sheets      seven (7)
- b. ☐ Informal      Number of Sheets      \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)      ☐ Unexecuted
- b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
- c. ☒ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney
- d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
- b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ Paper
- c. ☐ Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

## Accompanying Application Parts

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
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## Fee Calculation and Transmittal

### CLAIMS AS FILED

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	15	- 20 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	4	- 3 =	1	x \$43.00	\$43.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
BASIC FEE					\$385.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$428.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$428.00** to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **02-2712** as described below.
- ☐ Charge the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as filing fee.
- ☒ Credit any overpayment.
- ☒ Charge any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.
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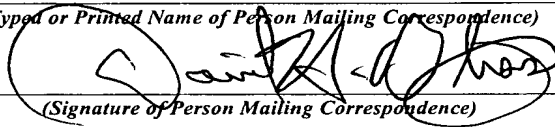
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Invention: TRAILER HITCH COVER ASSEMBLY			
<p>I hereby certify that the following correspondence:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>Utility Patent Application Transmittal (in duplicate), Patent Application, seven (7) sheets of formal drawings [Figures 1 through 21], copy of prior Declaration and Power of Attorney, and check in the amount of \$428.00, return postcard.</p></div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Identify type of correspondence)</i></p> <p>is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>February 27, 2004</u> <i>(Date)</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;"><p><b>Daniel H. Bliss</b> <i>(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)</i></p><p> <i>(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)</i></p><p><b>EL671875658US</b> <i>("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)</i></p></div>			
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